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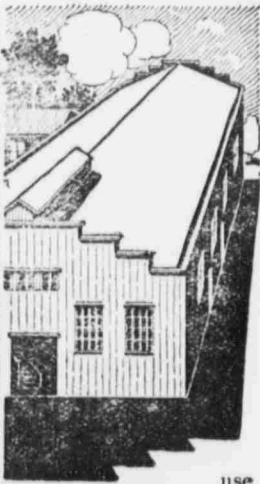
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A FINE ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF A BOND ISSUE FOR ROADS.

Fellow Citizens: Having been raised in Polk county and being a tax payer and citizen myself, I naturally am interested in my county and her cost to us.

As you know, our county commissioners have called an election to bond our county for \$1,500,000 to build good roads. This seems like a lot of money to a poor man, and I hear the matter discussed on all sides, and I find that the rich people and biggest tax payers are for it, and most of those that are against it are the smaller tax payers, and some that pay no tax at all. One man would tell me that it was the best thing we could possibly do for ourselves and our county, and another man would tell me it was the worst thing we could do, and that it would ruin us and our children paying taxes before we ever got rid of those bonds. So after hearing both sides of the question a man hardly knows what is best to do.

I suppose nearly all of us think good roads would be a fine thing to have over our county. But what I want to know and what you want to know is, how much this bond issue and good roads proposition is going to cost us, and as I am only a small tax payer and not a rich man, and having to work for my money, I decided that I would investigate this matter and do a little figuring for myself and see who was right before I voted on it, so I have looked up records and figures in the matter and will tell you what I have found out.

From the tax collector's books for this year I find that the total valuation is \$14,800,000, and the county commissioners have levied 8 mills for road purposes, which gives \$116,000. The county also gets from auto license about \$6,280. The labor from the county convicts is valued at \$25,000 by the county commissioners. All this makes a total of \$147,280 that is spent to build and keep up the roads as they are built now, and not much road in some places, either.

The interest on \$1,500,000 at 5 per cent, will be \$75,000 per year, and \$25,000 sinking fund set aside each year at 4 per cent, interest compounded semi-annually will pay off the bonds in twenty-five years, making a total of \$100,000 per year to pay off the bonds with interest after we get the roads built. On the present valuation and rate this would leave us \$47,280 per year towards keeping up these roads after they are built, or building of other good roads to link them up.

Deduct from this if you want to the value of the convict labor, \$25,000,

and we still have left \$22,280.

Some say they might have to increase the millage 3 mills, but I, for one, don't believe it, but admitting it, let's figure it out. Now, how much would this raise of 3 mills cost you and me per year in dollars and cents? Our total rate this year is 32 mills; add 3 mills for good roads, and we will have a total of 35 mills, or a raise of one-tenth. In other words, if my tax was \$30, with this raise it would be \$33; or if it was \$10, with this increase it would be \$11, a raise of \$1. Take the amount of taxes you pay and for every dollar add 10 cents, and you will see what it would cost you.

The small tax payer would pay on an average of not over \$20, then this increase would mean to him \$2 more, when with the good roads if he had any fruit, melons or wood to haul, he could increase his load enough to pay this in two days' hauling.

My friends, these figures have convinced me. If we can have good roads and have our taxes increased only one-tenth, then I am for it first, last and all the time. Now if any of you want to figure this out then you can go to the court house and get the records to figure from the same as I have.

But since looking into this matter I really don't believe our taxes will be as high after a few years as they are now, for I think our good roads will induce so many new people to come into our county and build homes and improve what is now waste land that it would so increase our taxable valuations that we would really have a lower rate of taxes than we are now paying, and have our good roads too.

I heard a man say the other day that the auto owners wanted the good roads, and that many of them didn't own anything but their autos, and wouldn't pay any of these taxes, so I went to the assessor and he tells me that automobiles are valued at an average of about \$300, and the tax on \$300 valuation would be \$9.15, and I find from the collector's office that the average cost of auto license is \$6.25, which all goes to the road fund, making a total of \$15.40 the man has to pay each year on his auto, besides any taxes on other property he may own. So the auto owner pays his share after all.

Another good reason I see for this improvement is that the railroads pay about one-sixth of the taxes of our county, so would have to pay about one-sixth of this cost for good roads, and they want to see us have the roads, and will gladly pay their share.

Still another reason is that in a great portion of our county much of the lands, in some sections 75 per cent., have been bought up and held by large land owners, and many of them non-residents. Now, if they want to hold these lands, let's make them help pay for good roads for us to ride and haul on.

The more I look into this matter the better it seems to me for everybody in the county. It would be a good thing for the business men and laborer in Polk county, for with good roads we would have new farms and residences all over our county, and they could come to the towns to do their shopping, thereby increasing the business in towns, and it would be good for the country farmer and citrus grower, for as the towns grew it would give them a better market for their truck and good roads to haul it on.

But it strikes me that the people outside of the towns should work hardest for this for the reason that they are getting so much for nothing. In my investigations I find that the towns would have only a few miles of these roads in their territory, with a large number of miles outside, and I find further that the towns pay two-thirds of the taxes of the whole county, and if the country precincts turn down this proposition now, it will be the last chance they will have to get good roads, for I believe that if this fails to pass in the county the several commissioners' districts would then make itself a special road district and vote for bonds for clay roads, then all the taxes collected there would have to be applied in those districts and the country districts would have to bear all the expense of their own roads.

Taking it all together this is the best opportunity Polk county ever had, and as we have only a few more days before election, let's take off our coats, go to work and get out a good vote and have good roads and prosperity and consequently lower taxes.

A FELLOW CITIZEN AND TAX PAYER.

Lakeland, Fla., May 10, 1916.

HICORIA.

Mr. Tucker and son, of Bartow, have settled at Hicoria and are having lumber sawed at the mill for two houses.

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Monday for a visit back to her old home at Birmingham, Ala., via auto to Arcadia, then by train.

A large fire raged through this section for three days last week, burning the woods and brush in every direction, but fortunately no houses or other buildings were burned, but several had very narrow escapes.

A very much needed rain fell at Hicoria and vicinity last Friday night. Mr. W. J. West, of Buck Lake, paid Hicoria a short visit last Wednesday.

Our saw mill is still puffing away, and cutting the lumber by the thousands, and it sounds like business when we hear the whistle blow at noon and night.

We have not heard any railroad news in over two weeks, everything being quiet along that line since the surveyors crossed DeSoto county into Lee, but we understand now that the East and West Coast line has their surveyors out and they passed through this country about half way between Hicoria and Venus on their route from Arcadia to Okeechobee City.

THE DOCTORS ENTERTAINED With An Elaborate Twelve Course Banquet Given By The Local Association.

(From Friday's Daily.)

The forty-third annual session of the Florida Medical Association came to a close this morning after one of the most interesting and profitable meetings in the history of the association.

Nothing but the highest words of praise were bestowed upon the DeSoto County Medical Association, the hosts of the convention, and the citizens of Arcadia for their hospitality. Everything was done to make the guests feel at home, and this was fully accomplished without a doubt. The local committee of arrangements, Dr. J. A. Simmons, chairman, Dr. G. F. Highsmith, Dr. D. L. McSwain, Dr. R. L. Clue and Dr. H. P. Bevis, deserve special mention for the way in which they looked after the every comfort of their distinguished guests.

Last night under the arrangements of this committee, the members of the association and visiting ladies, together with the druggists and a few invited guests, were entertained with an elaborate twelve course banquet at the Owens' Cafe. Captain George M. Lynch acted as toastmaster, and responses to toasts were made as follows: "Physician's Duty to the Public," E. R. Jones, Arcadia; "The Public's Obligation to the Physician," Dr. R. N. Green, Chattahoochee; "The Chronic Case," Dr. J. H. Coffee, Fort Meade; "The Family Physician," Dr. John MacDiarmid, DeLand; "The Nurse's Obligation to Physician and Patient," Dr. W. S. Gramling, Miami; "Professional Ethics," Dr. L. S. Oppenheimer, Tampa. In addition to these a number of improvised responses were made by various members of the association.

Delightful music was furnished throughout the entire evening by the Goldstein Orchestra, of Punta Gorda, assisted by Mrs. R. E. Herndon, cornet, and Mr. Brady, violin, of this city. Mrs. Sturdy, of Punta Gorda, and Mrs. Dr. McSwain, of this city, also contributed, each a beautiful solo.



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